

VIETNAM RECOMMENDATIONS

Ho Chi Minh

- Recommend 2 nights here
- Ben Thanh market for amazing food
- Little Hanoi for egg coffee
- Mobylette Saigon - great free breakfast & location
- Banh mi bay ho
- War museum
- Post office
- Ben nghe street food
- Cu Chi tunnels tour

Mui Ne

- Recommend 2 nights here
- Dong Vui Food Court for a range of cuisines
- Sand dunes for sunset quad biking
- Icafe for smoothie bowls

Da Lat

- Recommend 3 nights here
- Alpine rollercoaster - so much fun
- Waterfalls near the rollercoaster (do these after the first rollercoaster then get the second one back)
- Weasel coffee farm - shows you how weasel coffee is made
- Crazy house
- Night market
- Maze Bar
- Canyoning - expensive but worth it, book after doing the alpine rollercoaster as it's nearby. Best to book direct - cost should be 1.866M
- Happy Hills Coffee - out of town, difficult to get a grab back, but the most beautiful views over the lake
- Swan pedalo on the lake in town

Da Nang

- Pomeranian Café
- Day markets
- Night markets
- Beach!!
- Dragon Bridge

Hue

- The imperial city
- Abandoned water park - technically closed, but you can pay to get inside

Hoi An

- Recommend minimum 3 nights here
- Stay in Old Town with a day trip to the beachside
- Cooking class & coconut boats
- Coffee making class w/ vietnam and coffee making
- Cycling tour - takes you around ancient houses, salt coffee & other locations
- Madame khanhs for the best banh mi
- Lantern boat tour - arrange at the harbour
- Night market
- Walk around the city and look at temples / browse the many shops
- Get clothes tailored
- Try cau Lao (brown) noodles - they are a Hoi An speciality
- Son Cafe Hoi An for salt coffee
- Meraki bakery for cheap pastries & breakfast
- Port City Bagels for banging bagels
- Healthfit Gym & Yoga - can get a cheap four-day pass
- Buttercup by Rosie's cafe for a good brunch
- Lotus leaf fine arts & jewellery to make your own jewellery
- Cơm Gà Xí Hội An for local food
- Beach opposite Fuse beachside for a chill beach day
- Do the Hai Van pass from either Hoi An or Da Nang to get to Hue - views are insanely beautiful

Phong Nha

- Recommend 2 nights here minimum
- The Dark Cave - don't do it through a hostel as it's a rip off. Rent a scooter & drive there yourself. The ticket includes a zip line, dark cave tour with a guide, kayaking & waterpark
- Visit the paradise cave - it's so beautiful
- Drive around Phong Nha as the views are beautiful.
- The Duck Stop - a hilarious place where you can feed some ducks
- Monkey bridge
- Botanical gardens

Ninh Binh

- Trang an scenic boat ride - Choose the shorter route as it's quite long
- Climb up Hang Mua viewpoint on a clear day
- Visit Hoa Lu ancient capital
- Cycle through the countryside
- Father cooking a cheap breakfast
- Aroma Indian - more expensive but so good
- Karaoke bus is fun for a night out

Catba

- Do the hideaway boat tour round Catba island / Ha Long Bay - it's expensive but worth it

Hanoi

- Recommend 3-4 days here
- Night market for shopping
- Train street
- Beer street for cheapest beer in the world
- Dong Xuan market
- Hidden gem cafe
- Note cafe
- Hello Hanoi Speakeasy Rooftop Bar - have to go through a shop & up some stairs to get there
- Banh Mi 25
- Pizza 4Ps
- Walk around the old quarter & the French quarter
- Walk around Hoan Kiem Lake
- Toms bar - beer street
- Cafe Giang for the best egg coffee - made in the traditional way
- Nem Nướng Nha Trang Quế Hoa for the best cheap fresh sausage spring rolls (called chao nam dai Mach) and pork pho (called dau hu pho Mai)
- Bánh rán Vietnamese doughnuts (5 Luong Ngoc Quyen street)
- Nem rán: Spring rolls (64 Nguyen Huu Huan Street)
- Water puppet show
- Women's museum

Ha Giang Loop

- 1 Day in Ha Giang Town
 - 4-day tour
- Cannot even put into words how amazing this experience is! - If you want to drive alone, look up routes and places to stay beforehand because the area is huge. Be comfortable on a motorbike (not a scooter) not all roads are actual roads and can be sketchy. There are also many police in the region watching for tourist bikers, so be sure to have a motorcycle license and an international license on you at all times.

Sapa

- Recommended 2-3 nights here
- Do a 1-day trek around Sapa with a guide. You can usually book these with your hostel or hotel.